

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

Present: Councillors M Randle – Chair, (from 6.03pm)
R Breeze – Vice-Chair,
N England
and A Watkin.

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk) and Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary)

Public Open Session

There was one member of the community (Mr Brian Edwards) present at the meeting.

CE/19/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs J G Loveridge and Mrs J Loveridge (holiday) and Cllr G Sinclair (holiday) which were accepted unanimously.

Cllrs S Parr and T Bate were also unable to attend.

CE/19/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 2nd July 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

CE/19/24 MATTERS ARISING

Enquiries were made regarding the current state of discussions about the bees at the allotment site and it was stated that the beekeeper had agreed to reduce the number of hives from 5 to 3 at the site. Views were expressed regarding conduct at the previous meeting and Members felt that the proceedings had fallen below the usual high standards of conduct at meetings at the Parish Council.

CE/19/25 GREEN GUARANTEE FUNDING PHASE II

The Committee were due to receive a presentation from Mark Latham, Telford & Wrekin Council, Ecology & Green Infrastructure Specialist but he submitted his apologies and was not able to attend.

In submitting that apology he requested that a small group of councillors be delegated to meet him to discuss the availability of the remainder of the funding package for green spaces across the Borough.

The Borough Council facilitated 'The Big Green Vote' last year, where £52,000 of funding was allocated to Green Guarantee Sites across the borough that included allotments and formal parks as the first phase of the project.

Resolved – that the Chair and Vice Chair together with the Deputy Clerk, meet with Mark Latham to progress the matter further.

CE/19/26 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Parish Clerk reported upon :-

Skate Park The skate park is in need of repair and it was being apparent that getting a contractor to quote for the work was difficult, the Parish Clerk was seeking other quotes. The repairs have been picked up as part of the Environmental Teams inspections. Cllr N England stated that contractor SCF had conducted satisfactory operations at playgrounds under the control of his employer. The Parish Clerk stated that she would contact Cllr England for more details.

Eatwell Holiday Club project operated over the summer holidays with an average of 110 children per week attending and 22 children per day attending the Eat Well sessions. Also thanks to Baden Powell scouts, Rev Jan, Funzone and parish team for all helping was expressed in the report. Furthermore, Sam Pitch had produced a set of figures and feedback for Telford and Wrekin council that would be available to requests from Members.

Youth Club had also been doing extra sessions during the summer holidays some linked to the Eat Well project and some part of their normal offering. The young people have been on several trips including a canal trip which our clerk went on with them.

Working Lunch is on 11th September, all welcome.

Bark - A top up of bark for the Brookside play area (Redgra) has been ordered.

Neighbourhood Plan session had been organised for October 12th between 11am and 1pm

CE/19/27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council:-

- a) **TWC 2019/ - None**
- b) Any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda -. **TWC 2019/ - none**
- c) Any information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – **TWC/2019/ - none**
- d) Any Pre-Application enquiries received - **PE/2019 - none**
- e) Notification of Planning Applications dealt with by the parish Clerk during the August recess – The Parish Clerk stated the following decisions taken :-

TWC 19/0651 20 Lambeth Drive: Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of the existing conservatory - **No objection**

TWC 19/0637 8 Ludford Drive: Conversion of existing garage and erection of an associated first floor and two storey side extension and extension of existing front canopy
Comment: design of roof line overbearing and not in keeping with other properties

TWC 19/0635 9 Belgrave Crescent Erection of a first floor front extension - As previous application with side window removed and change of location for window at front. **Object: as per previous application, disproportionate size, over development, loss of local character and not in keeping with local area.**

CE/19/28 PROJECTS & EVENTS FOR 2019

The Deputy Clerk commented upon the forthcoming events, particularly the Neighbourhood Plan event in October.

CE/19/29 GRANTS

The Committee considered the following grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:- None to consider.

CE/19/30 COUNCILLORS REPORTS Councillors' reports were made on matters relevant to the Committee as follows:-

Cllr R Breeze commented upon the poor maintenance levels of footpaths that are located away from main highways and particularly footpaths leading into the Telford Town Park near his home property.

Cllr A Watkin commented on poor use of the parking spaces at CrossBank, Stirchley – stated that the Rose & Crown PH was still shut. And there had been a fire at the wood yard.

Cllr R Breeze stated St James Church would be having an open day to which he had volunteered to offer local interest information. The Parish Clerk agreed to email Members with relevant information about the open day and harvest festival.

Cllr N England thanked the Parish Clerk for her work regarding the Stirchley Recreation Centre building that was in a poor state of repair.

Cllr M Randle commented upon the success of the Allotment BBQ event recently.

Finally The Parish Clerk commented that the Parish Had received an invitation to a T&WC Pre Planning Application process event at Adenbrook House on 27th Nov at 5.30pm – Cllr R Breeze agreed to attend with the Parish Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.38 pm

Signed

Dated